

MINUTES

Thursday afternoon & Friday morning
February 11 & 12, 1999
Judicial Wing, 3rd Floor, Room 311

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Linda Davis. Board members present were Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson (for Friday meeting only), Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. ESPB staff members present were Janet Placek, Deb Jensen, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Also present was Doug Bahr from the Attorney General's Office.

Board members not attending the meeting: Laura Carney, Randy Gordon and Bev Sandness.

Janet reported on the legislative bills that she has been testifying on and bills that she has been monitoring. She asked for help from the board with HB 1370 (fines) and SB 2333 (teachers exam). Mike, Don and Mary will be testifying against SB 2333. The board members spent the rest of Thursday afternoon visiting with their legislative representatives. Janet informed the board members that Rep. Laurel Thoreson and Rep. Darrell Nottestad have been very supportive with our legislative bills and to thank them for their support.

Deb distributed the NASDTEC interstate contract agreement. She asked the board to review the agreement for the March board meeting. Deb also reported on the rules hearing regarding the fees increase which was held as scheduled in February. No one appeared to offer comments. Written comments can be given until March 10, 1999. The Professional Development Effective Practices Training was held in Valley City with 78 participants. A second training will be scheduled in the Bismarck/Mandan area due to additional demand. The program approval visitation with Minot State University is scheduled March 20-24. Arrangements are proceeding as planned. Deb also distributed the comparisons of actual teaching minors in the state and DPI's previous requirements for minor equivalencies.

Maryjane made a motion to approve the January minutes. Seconded by Mary. A motion was made by Doug to amend the minutes. Seconded by Don.

Bonnie gave the financial report. She has now completed 96-97 deposit reports and will be summarizing the 96-95 deposit reports. Hopefully, this will assist the board with numbers as far as averages and trends. Bonnie also informed the board that they will not receive 1099 forms, because board member stipends received were less than \$600.00. The board members were encouraged to report the stipend dollars that they do receive. Something that the board may want to consider is to increase the stipend amount. Most boards pay stipends of \$50 per day.

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Drane informed the group on fingerprint numbers. To date, we have recorded 896 records. The office has been tracking/recording fingerprint information only since September, 1998. The office **has** kept record of the number of hits since the fingerprinting check has been implemented. To date, we have recorded 44 hits.

CASES

Anthony Copley

For board information. Mr. Copley had contacted Selfridge School District asking the whereabouts of his W-2 form. Selfridge then informed the board office of Mr. Copley's new forwarding address. Selfridge School District filed a breach of contract with Mr. Copley in September, 1998. The board has contacted Mr. Copley via certified mail. The certified mail item was returned to the office with Mr. Copley signature.

Terry Follman

For board information. Mr. Follman needs to obtain 1 more credit to renew. He will have the credit by April. Mr. Follman's renewal application for certification/licensure will be placed on the board agenda for April.

JoAnn Gehringer

Ms. Gehringer's certificate/license application request was being considered by the board due to background check. Mary made a motion to grant a certificate/license. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz.

Cindy Hettinger

Ms. Hettinger's certificate/license application request was being considered by the board due to the information provided on her background check. The board asked that Ms. Hettinger provide a police report and social service report. If no record is found, Ms. Hettinger could be granted a certificate/license. Motion made by Don. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz.

Mark Starkweather

Mr. Starkweather's application for certification/licensure was heard by the board due to the information provided on the background check. A motion was made by Doug to grant a certificate/license. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz.

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Troy Zander

Motion made by Maryjane to dismiss the case. Seconded by Don Haugen. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. The board found it does not have a reasonable basis to believe that Mr. Zander breached his contract with Minot Public Schools.

Harley Good Bear

Doug Bahr gave the report. Janet will contact Mr. Good Bear's probation officer, monitor and report to the board at a later time.

Troy Koosmann

To date, we do not know Mr. Koosmann's current address to start the procedure to revoke his certificate/license.

Rebecca Romfo

Ms. Romfo asked the board to reconsider the days of penalty because she was in a classroom with a certified/licensed teacher. Motion made by Don. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. Ms. Romfo's certificate/license was issued on February 12.

Amber Kaczor

Ms. Kaczor's application for certification/licensure was being brought before the board due to her background check. A motion was made by Mike to deny a certificate/license. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz.

Alana Bauer

Ms. Bauer was teaching without a valid certificate/license. A motion was made by Mike to issue a certificate/license after Ms. Bauer has been out of the classroom for 15 days. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. Ms. Bauer's teaching certificate/license will be issued March 1, 1999.

Kathy Nagurski

Ms. Nagurski's renewal application for a certificate/license was brought before the board due to the fact Ms. Nagurski checked **no** to the question of a misdemeanor or felony on the application, when she indeed did have a record. The board recommended the office contact Burleigh County Clerk of Courts for any additional information.

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Kellen Sandland

Ms Sandland's was teaching without a valid certificate/license. A motion was made by Doug to issue a license after Ms Sandland has been out of the classroom for 19 days. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Mike Schatz. Ms Sandland's certificate/license will be issued on March 11, 1999.


Jerry Reinisch

For board information. Janet reported that Russ Miller from Solen Public Schools called to check the process to renew a certificate/license for Mr Reinisch. Mr Reinisch had been substitute teaching for 3 days at Solen. Janet informed Mr Miller that Mr Reinisch had his certificate/license revoked in ND in 1992 for corruption of a minor.

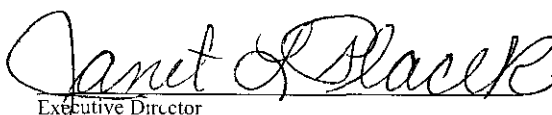
James Tschetter (Administrative Board)

Mr Tschetter's renewal for certification/licensure was brought before the board due to Mr Tschetter being employed as an administrator without holding a valid certificate/license. A motion was made by Randy to issue a certificate/license after Mr Tschetter has not been working as an administrator the same number days that he was working while not holding a valid certificate/license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Administrative board members voting yes were Randy, Doug and Maryjane. Randy voted via conference call.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 18 & 19th



Chair



Executive Director